

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above amendments as placing the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal are respectfully requested.

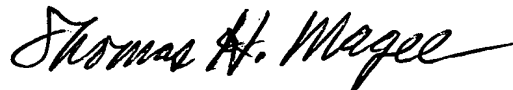
The specification has been amended to indicate that the parent application is now abandoned. Also, an updated Application Data Sheet is submitted herewith to update the status of the parent application (09/521,536) by showing its status as abandoned.

Claims 1 and 32 have been amended by incorporating therein the limitation contained in Claim 19 that has the genus limitations set forth in the second aspect of the invention described at the top of page 4 in lines 1 through 10. Accordingly, Claims 10, 19, 29, 30, 31 and 34 have been cancelled, and Claims 11, 20 through 22, 24, and 26 through 28 have been made dependent from Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1 through 9, 11 through 18, 32 and 33, under 35 U.S.C. 112 (first paragraph), has been overcome by the above amendments. The allowance of Claims 1 through 9, 11 through 18, 20 through 28, 32 and 33 is therefore respectfully solicited.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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